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Repairs to the irrigation channels and tanks in South Kanara.

* 1397 *Q.*—Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent in the last three years on irrigation works in each of the districts of this Presidency;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that some of the irrigation channels and tanks in South Kanara have fallen into disrepair and disuse and whether the Badoor-Angadimoghar channel of the Sheria river in Kasaragod taluk is one of such channels; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that Government were giving allowances for the maintenance of irrigation works in South Kanara and that they have stopped the same after the last settlement?

A.—(*a*) As regards works in charge of the Public Works Department, figures by districts are not available. The figures are compiled for irrigation systems separately or, for minor Public Works Department works, by Public Works Department divisions, and will be found in the annual administration reports. As regards Revenue minor irrigation works, the available information is published in the annual reports of the Board of Revenue on minor irrigation expenditure.

(*b*) The Government have no information regarding this matter.

(*c*) There are no Government irrigation works in South Kanara. Before the last settlement small remissions of assessment locally known as "Kattuttar" remissions were allowed in some wurgs to compensate for the cost of temporary dams that had to be put up to secure direct irrigation from the streams. These were discontinued at the settlement.

Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), may I know whether the Government will kindly make enquiries and give the help which they were giving before the last settlement?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"If they are public works, 'yes'."

Improvements of the third reach of the Pandavayar.

* 1398 *Q.*—Mr. S. Muttayya Mudaliyar: With reference to the reply given by the hon. the Law Member at Tanjore on 7th July 1927 on the petition presented by the mirasidars under the Pandavayar-Cauvery delta system, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the estimate for the improvements of the third reach of the Pandavayar has been sanctioned;

(*b*) when the work will be started; and

(*c*) whether provision has been made therefor in the budget for 1928–1929?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The estimate has not been sanctioned yet. The Government await a report from the Board of Revenue on the revenue aspects of the proposal.

(*c*) No.